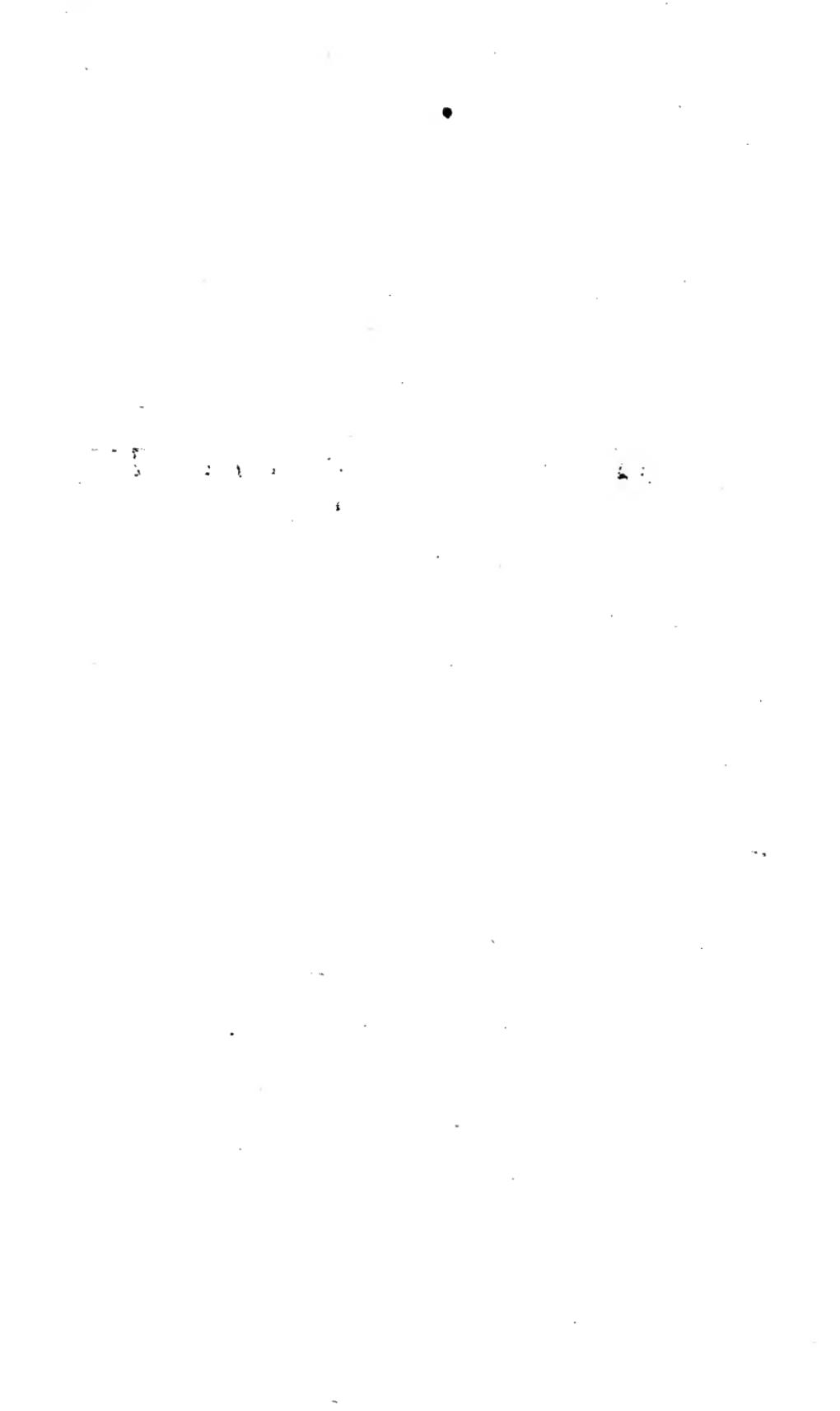


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OF

BREVET LIEUT.-COL. R. N. SCOTT, U. S. ARMY.

WAR DEPARTMENT, PUBLICATION OFFICE WAR RECORDS,

Washington City, September 30, 1878.

To the Hon. the SECRETARY OF WAR.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the work of preparing the records of the war of the rebellion for publication is progressing as satisfactorily, in my opinion, as attending circumstances will permit; and much progress had been made when I took charge of the office in January last. The further prosecution of the work is embarrassed by a want of sufficient and suitable office room for the accommodation of the copyists and assorting of the records; by want of competent assistants to verify copy, and, to some extent, by the fact that Congress has not yet determined the manner in which the records are to be published. It is of the utmost importance that the records be accurately published, and absolute accuracy can, in my judgment, only be secured by putting them in print under the immediate direction of those familiar with the names of persons and places concerned, and with military terms, and who are zealously interested in this special work. Many of the records can be copied in print directly from the original manuscript at but little if any greater cost than is involved in the ordinary process of copying, and with the advantage that the printed copies can be multiplied at an inappreciable cost and be distributed to various places for safe keeping. These original manuscripts cannot well pass from the custody of the Department, and I have therefore asked for a limited number of printers to work under my own, or my successors, immediate direction.

The Union Records filed in the Department are probably as complete as they can ever be, but the Confederate Records are by no means complete. Additions are being made to them from time to time, and under the policy adopted by yourself I believe that all the most important missing documents will be secured to the use of the United States.

Under these circumstances I have been devoted more particularly to an examination of the Union Records, and those for 1862 and 1863 are now under scrutiny. In my opinion the Confederate Records for 1861 are sufficiently complete to justify an attempt to publish all the records for that year. Just what links are missing can be determined and searched for when the compilation is made. I therefore suggest that Congress be requested to determine the manner in which the work is to be published, and venture to suggest, for your better judgment, that such publication should give the records, as nearly as may be, in chronological order; that the correspondence, orders, and reports relating to any battle or campaign should be arranged so as to give a complete history of the events to which they relate, and that by all means both the Union and the Confederate accounts of any event should be given in the same volume. This to my mind is a matter of vital importance to our national welfare.

General Marcus J. Wright, the War Department agent for collecting Confederate Records, was actively engaged in that duty while under my direction, and there is reason to believe that he will be eminently successful. His duties are now discharged under the immediate direction of the Adjutant-General.

Messrs. Joseph W. Kirkley and A. P. Tasker, of the Adjutant-General's Office, are most zealous and efficient assistants in my work, performing much extra duty without additional compensation.

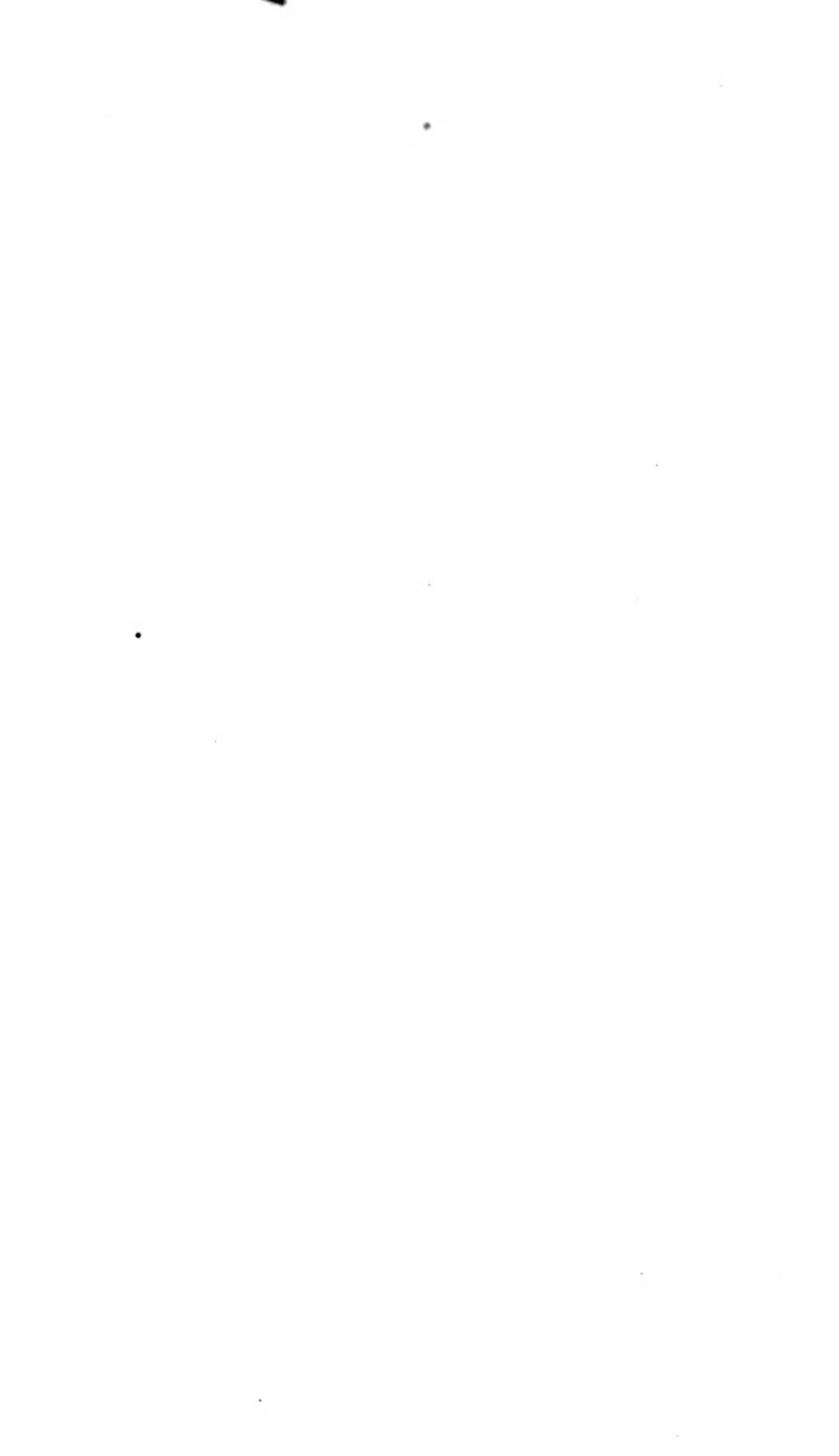
There are now employed in the "War Records Office" 2 clerks, 19 copyists, 1 messenger, and 1 watchman.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ROBERT N. SCOTT,

Capt., 3d Art., Bvt. Lieut.-Col., U. S. Army, in Charge.

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EXTRACT
FROM
ANNUAL REPORT OF SECRETARY OF WAR.

WAR DEPARTMENT, November 19, 1879.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have the honor, in accordance with the requirement of the statute, to submit the annual report of the operations of this department for the past year.

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UNION AND CONFEDERATE WAR RECORDS.

The preparation of these records for publication is progressing satisfactorily under the efficient management of Colonel R. N. Scott, of the Army.

The War Department agent for collecting such Confederate records as may be placed, by gift or loan, at the disposal of the Government, has been very successful.

The Southern Historical Society has placed its collection at the service of the Department, and valuable documents have been furnished by Generals Johnston, Pemberton, Wheeler, Jones, Ruggles, and others. In fact, there is a general disposition on the part of ex-Confederate officers to contribute material to the official History of the War.

In a few instances records of the Confederate Armies are held for sale, but Colonel Scott renews his objection to the purchase of such documents; and in his views I concur.

Attention is invited to the fact that as yet no provision has been made for publishing any of the records. An appropriation for the composition, stereotyping, and printing of proof copies of the records for 1861 is recommended.

Extra compensation is asked for two of the Adjntant-General's clerks specially connected with the work of the War Records Office, and I recommend that this be granted.

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GEO. W. McCRARY,
Secretary of War.

ANNUAL REPORT OF BREVET LIEUT.-COL. R. N. SCOTT, U. S. ARMY.

[EXTRACT.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, September 1, 1879.

To the SECRETARY OF WAR.

SIR: *

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The War Department agent for the collection of Confederate record General Marcus J. Wright) has been successful in the discharge of his duties. By gift or loan many very valuable documents have been placed at the disposal of the Government. The Southern Historical Society has given us free use of its important collection. Through the courtesy of Generals Johnston and Pemberton we have now the inside history of the siege of Vicksburg and the Confederate side of the campaign of Atlanta and of the Carolinas. Generals Wheeler, Jones, and Ruggles, among others, have also placed valuable papers at our disposal. In fact, a general disposition is manifested among the ex-Confederate soldiers to contribute material for the official History of the War. There are some three or four collections of Confederate records held for sale, but I respectfully renew my objections to that method of procuring such property. It is submitted that there is no propriety in such purchases: that strictly speaking some of these records belong to the Government, and that the fact that the Government has refrained from seizing them ought to induce the present holders to permit the authorities to make use of them. Moreover, the price of such things is purely arbitrary. The Government stands ready to publish to the world every duly authenticated document of historical value, and documents thus published must carry greater weight than those appearing without such guarantee of genuineness. If the existing rule of making no purchases be adhered to, I believe that public sentiment will force every important Confederate document into the hands of the Government.

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I desire especially to invite your attention to the question of extra compensation to Messrs. Kirkley and Tasker, of the Adjutant General's Office, whose special services in connection with the War Records have before been brought to your attention. Their assistance in my work is extra duty to them and most valuable to my office. It obviates the necessity for another clerk in my establishment, and there seems to be good reason for some substantial recognition of it.

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Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ROBERT N. SCOTT,
Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel, U. S. Army.

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BREVET LIEUT.-COL. R. N. SCOTT, U. S. ARMY.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, D. C., September 30, 1880.

To the SECRETARY OF WAR.

SIR: As the officer in charge, under your immediate direction, of the publication of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion, as well as of the preliminary preparations therefor, I have the honor to state that the work has steadily progressed since my report of September 1, 1879.

Important additions have been made by voluntary contributions to the records, both Union and Confederate. Many documents that have been retained by Union commanders of high rank, and which were not duplicated in the files of the War Department, have been received, and through the agency of General Wright, especially employed for that purpose, valuable papers are being constantly received from the ex-Confederate officials. Mr. Davis, Generals Beauregard, Chalmers, D. H. Hill, B. R. Johnson, S. D. Lee, E. Kirby Smith, Steele, and A. P. Stewart, and the representatives of Generals Branch, Breckinridge, D. H. Cooper, and Ewell, are among the contributors not mentioned in former reports.

Congress having at its last session made an appropriation for "the printing and binding, under the direction of the Secretary of War, of 10,000 copies of a compilation of the Official Records (Union and Confederate) of the War of the Rebellion, so far as the same may be ready for publication during the fiscal year," the first two volumes were sent to the Public Printer on August 24th last. Other volumes will follow until the appropriation is exhausted. The work of publication is pro-



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WAR DEPARTMENT, WAR RECORDS OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., October 12, 1881.

To the SECRETARY OF WAR.

SIR: I have the honor to report progress in the publication of the military records of the War of the Rebellion.

The examination of the files for 1861, 1862, and 1863, both Union and Confederate, and of the files of the Union armies for 1864 and 1865, has been completed and the necessary copying from them is nearly finished. Many of the Confederate files for 1864 and 1865 have also been examined. A few of the book records for 1863 and most of those for later years, of both armies, are yet to be searched.

The War Department agent for the collection (by gift or loan) of Confederate documents continues to be successful in obtaining valuable records from Confederate officers or their heirs. The more extensive contributions of that nature received since my last report have been from the collections of Generals E. P. Alexander, S. G. French, Johnson Hagood, Bradley T. Johnson, James H. Lane, T. T. Munford, J. C. Tappan, E. C. Walthall, and W. H. C. Whiting, and Colonels I. W. Avery and Charles Marshall.

The "Polk Papers" have been donated to the Government by Dr. William M. Polk, now of New York City.

By the act of June 16, 1880, Congress authorized the publication of 10,000 copies of each volume of the records that might be ready during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1881. Under that act seven volumes—five of Series I, and one each of Series III and IV—were sent to the Public Printer. Of Series I, Vols. I and II have been given to the public. Vol. III, so far as this office is concerned, has been completed, and it will doubtless be delivered by the Public Printer before Congress assembles.* The text of Vols. IV and V have been stereotyped and they are being indexed. The text of Vols. I, Series III and IV, has also been stereotyped.

* It is now published—December 16, 1881.

Under the current appropriation Vols. VI and VII, of Series I, have been sent to the Public Printer;* Vols. VIII, IX, and X are ready for him, and Vols. XI to XVI will be arranged during the current fiscal year. With proper regard for accuracy the volumes cannot be published more rapidly until the examination of the records is completed.

The contents of Vols. I to XI, Series I, are as follows:

VOLUME I.

CHAPTER I.

Operations in Charleston Harbor, S. C. The secession of North Carolina. January 20, 1860–April 14, 1861.

CHAPTER V.

January 9–May 20, 1861.

CHAPTER II.

The secession of Georgia. January 3–26, The secession of Louisiana. January 10–1861.

CHAPTER VI.

February 19, 1861.

CHAPTER III.

The secession of Alabama and Mississippi. Operations in Texas and New Mexico. January 4–20, 1861.

CHAPTER VII.

February 1–June 11, 1861.

CHAPTER IV.

Operation in Florida. January 6–August 31, 1861.

Operations in Arkansas, the Indian Territory, and Missouri. February 7–May 9, 1861.

CHAPTER VIII.

VOLUME II.

CHAPTER IX.

Operations in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. April 16–July 31, 1861.

VOLUME III.

CHAPTER X.

Operations in Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, and Indian Territory. May 10–November 19, 1861.

VOLUME IV.

CHAPTER XI.

Operations in Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. June 11, 1861–February 1, 1862.

CHAPTER XII.*

Operations in Kentucky and Tennessee.

July 1–November 19, 1861.

CHAPTER XIII.

Operations in North Carolina and Southeastern Virginia. August 1, 1861–January 11, 1862.

VOLUME V.

CHAPTER XIV.

Operations in Maryland, Northern Virginia, and West Virginia. August 1, 1861–March 17, 1862.

*And the text is now stereotyped.

VOLUME VI.**CHAPTER XV.**

Operations on the coasts of South Carolina, Georgia, and Middle and East Florida. August 21, 1861–April 11, 1862.

CHAPTER XVI.

Operations in West Florida, Southern Alabama, Southern Mississippi, and Louisiana. September 1, 1861–May 12, 1862.

VOLUME VII.**CHAPTER XVII.**

Operations in Kentucky, Tennessee, North Alabama, and Southwest Virginia. November 19, 1861–March 4, 1862.

VOLUME VIII.**CHAPTER XVIII.**

Operations in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, and the Indian Territory. November 19, 1861–April 10, 1862.

VOLUME IX.**CHAPTER XIX.**

Operations in Southeastern Virginia. January 11–March 17, 1862.

CHAPTER XX.

Operations in North Carolina. January 11–August 20, 1862.

CHAPTER XXI.

Operations in Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. February 1–September 20, 1862.

VOLUME X.**CHAPTER XXII.**

Operations in Kentucky, Tennessee, North Mississippi, North Alabama, and Southwest Virginia. March 4–June 10, 1862.

VOLUME XI.**CHAPTER XXIII.**

The Peninsula Campaign, Virginia, and operations immediately connected therewith. March 17–September 2, 1862.

Messrs. Kirkley, of the Adjutant-General's Office, and Tasker, of the War Department, continue to render zealous and most valuable assistance to the work under my charge. In so doing they perform much extra labor, for which, in my judgment, they should receive extra compensation.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ROBERT N. SCOTT,
Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel, U. S. Army.



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BREVET LIEUT.-COL. R. N. SCOTT, U. S. ARMY.

WAR DEPARTMENT, WAR RECORDS OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., October 23, 1882.

To the SECRETARY OF WAR.

SIR: I have the honor to report progress in the publication of the Military Records of the War of the Rebellion since my report of October 12, 1881.

The examination and copying of the files of the Union Records for 1861–1865 is almost completed, and the book records for 1864 are now being searched. The examination of the Confederate book records for 1863–1865, and of the files pertaining to these records for 1864, is progressing.

Volumes III, IV and V, Series I, of the Official Rebellion Records, have been given to the public; Volume VI is now being bound; the index to Volume VII is in the hands of the printers, and the book will doubtless be issued before Congress reassembles. The text of Volumes VIII, IX, X and XI has been stereotyped, and the stereotyping of Volume XII is nearly completed.

The cost of printing and binding the volumes already issued has been:

Volume I.....	\$6,765 76
Volume II.....	9,168 68
Volume III.....	7,214 34
Volume IV.....	7,091 63
Volume V.....	9,717 92

The composition, stereotyping, &c., of volumes still in the hands of the printers has cost:

Volume VI.....	\$1,857 90
Volume VII.....	1,924 65
Volume VIII.....	1,634 30
Volume IX.....	1,555 50
Volume X (two parts).....	2,940 31
Volume XI (three parts).....	5,257 27
Volume XII, Parts 1 and 2.....	3,319 94
Volume I, Series III.....	1,092 14
Volume I, Series IX.....	871 64
Indexing, proof-reading, &c., for the fiscal years 1880–1882*.....	7,376 72

*Under current appropriation this expense is provided for in the allotment for salaries.

The appropriations for binding and printing have been:

1880-1881.....	\$40,000 00
1881-1882.....	40,000 00
1882-1883.....	36,300 00
Total.....	\$116,300 00
Total expenditures to date.....	67,788 70
Balance available.....	48,511 30

The expenditures of this office for salaries and incidental expenses during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1882, have been as follows:

Salaries	\$34,676 68
Bent	1,200 00
Traveling expenses and express transportation.....	155 05
Fuel and lights.....	388 94
Stationery, books, maps, pamphlets, &c.....	1,981 43
Office furniture, carpets, &c	1,044 17
Repairs of office furniture and heating apparatus.....	212 70
Telephone service.....	176 53
Printing material	310 49
Incidental labor	220 00
Reducing maps for publication	90 00
Ice.....	30 69
Total.....	40,486 68
Amount appropriated	40,490 00
Surplus.....	3 32

The War Department Agent for the collection of Confederate Military Records continues to be successful in obtaining valuable documents. A memorandum of his collections during the past twelve months is submitted herewith. Some of the documents thus reported are duplicates of those already in the possession of the Government, and are therefore of no special value; but there are yet many original documents relating to the war scattered about the country, and I recommend that the agency for collecting them be maintained while yielding, as it now does, a commensurate return.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ROBERT N. SCOTT,
Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel, U. S. Army.

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The expenditures for salaries and incidental expenses during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1883, have been as follows :

Salaries.....	\$41,049 82
Rent	1,200 00
Traveling expenses and express transportation.....	142 74
Fuel and lights.....	588 96
Stationery, books, maps, pamphlets, &c.....	1,569 31
Office furniture, carpets, &c.....	762 82
Repairs of—	
Office furniture.....	393 20
Heating apparatus.....	244 75
Telephone service.....	179 97
Incidental labor.....	191 23
Ice	82 20
Printing material.....	398 34
Total.....	\$46,803 34

Four volumes of Series I (VI-IX) have been issued ; the index to Part 1, Volume X, has been completed ; the text of Volumes XII-XV has been stereotyped ; and the stereotyping of Part 1, Volume XVI, is nearly completed ; Part 2 of that volume is now in the hands of the Public Printer ; and the manuscript of Volumes XVII-XXI is ready for him. Moreover, the arrangement of Volumes XXII-XXXII has been determined. The latter volume will close the military operations of 1863.

The military records known as the " Hood Papers " have been placed for publication at the disposition of the Government, and important contributions have been made through the War Department Agency for the collection of Confederate records. These contributions embrace a confidential letter-book kept by General Robert E. Lee in 1863-'64 ; documents received from the legal representatives of Generals Hindman, Grimes, and Stuart, and those received from Generals Capers, Early, Gibson, Pike, and Ruggles, and from Major H. B. McClellan, Captain T. A. Faries, and others.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ROBERT N. SCOTT,
Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel, U. S. Army, in Charge.

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF
BREVET LIEUT.-COL. R. N. SCOTT, U. S. ARMY.

WAR DEPARTMENT, WAR RECORDS OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., October 14, 1884.

To the SECRETARY OF WAR.

SIR : I have the honor to report the progress made in the publication of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion since October 14, 1883 :

Of Series I, Volume X (in two parts) and Parts 1 and 2 of Volume XI have been issued ; the index to Part 3 of that volume is now undergoing final revision ; the text of Volumes XVI, (Part 2,) XVII, (in two parts,) and XVIII has been stereotyped ; Volume XIX is now in the hands of the Public Printer, and the manuscript of Volumes XX to XXIV is ready for him.

The force of copyists employed has been reduced from ten to five.

The expenditures on account of printing, binding, &c., since October 14, 1883, are as follows :

For composition, stereotyping, &c., volumes still in hands of the printer—

Volume XVI, Part 1.....	\$908 35
Part 2.....	1,929 69
Volume XVII, Part 1.....	1,812 19
Part 2.....	1,598 35
Volume XVIII.....	2,079 35

To complete—

Volume X, Part 1.....	7,055 53
Part 2.....	5,225 57
Volume IX, Part 1.....	7,642 77
Total.....	\$28,251 80

RECAPITULATION.

Balance available as per last report.....	\$47,737 74
Appropriation for fiscal year ending June 30, 1885.....	36,000 00
Total.....	\$83,737 74
Expenditures.....	28,251 80
Available October 14, 1884.....	\$55,485 94

The expenditures for salaries and rent[®] made under the immediate supervision of this office during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1884, have been as follows :

Salaries	\$34,310 07
Office rent.....	1,200 00
Total.....	\$35,510 07

Fuel, lights, stationery, and all other incidental expenses have been provided by the Supply Division of the War Department.

Valuable contributions have been made to the Confederate records by Generals H. P. Bee and R. E. Colston, Mrs. Susan P. Lee, and others, through the War Department Agent.

Attention is invited to the fact that no provision has yet been made for completing the sets of the published Records as distributed under the act of August 7, 1882, which went into effect after Volumes I to V had been issued.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ROBERT N. SCOTT,
Brevet Lieut.-Col., U. S. Army, In Charge.

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LIEUTENANT-COLONEL R. N. SCOTT, U. S. ARMY.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
PUBLICATION OFFICE, WAR RECORDS 1861-'65,
Washington, D. C. October 10, 1885.

To the SECRETARY OF WAR.

SIR: I have the honor to report the progress made since October 14, 1884, in the publication of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion:

Of Series I—The 3d part of Volume XI, Parts 1, 2, 3 of Volume XII, and Volume XIII (in all five books) have been issued, and Volume XIV is in press. The text of Volumes XIX, (in two parts,) XX, (in two parts,) XXI, and Part 1 of Volume XXII has been stereotyped. The 2d part of Volume XXII is in the hands of the Public Printer, and the manuscript of Volumes XXIII to XXVI and XXVIII and XXIX is ready for him, and XXVII will be in a few days.

It was found unnecessary to employ one of the copyists appropriated for in current fiscal year, and the estimates for salaries in the coming year contemplate a net reduction of \$4,000.

The Act approved August 7, 1882, which went into effect after the first five volumes of the records had been published, contemplated a completion of the sets to be issued under that law. For that purpose an estimate has been submitted for reprinting and binding 6,000 copies each of Volumes I to V.

The expenditures on account of printing, binding, &c., since October 14, 1884, are as follows:

For composition, stereotyping, &c., volumes still in hands of the printer—	
Volume XIX, Part 1.....	\$2,303 60
Part 2.....	1,318 35
Volume XX, Part 1.....	1,959 55
Part 2.....	989 45
Volume XXI.....	2,196 75
Volume XXII, Part 1	1,768 95
To complete—	
Volume XI, Part 2.....	7,019 44
Part 3.....	5,352 47
Volume XII, Part 1.....	5,991 70
Part 2.....	6,164 95
Part 3.....	6,427 00
Volume XIII.....	6,868 86
For cost of extra proof sheets.....	125 00
Total	\$48,486 07

RECAPITULATION.

Balance available as per last report.....	\$55,485 94
Deduct for error in report of October 14, 1883*.....	300 00
Actual balance October 14, 1884.....	\$55,185 94
Appropriation for fiscal year ending June 30, 1886.....	36,000 00
Total.....	\$91,185 94
Expenditures	48,486 07
Available October 10, 1885.....	\$42,699 87

The expenditures for salaries and rent made under the immediate supervision of this office during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1885, have been as follows:

Salaries	\$30,969 43
Rent	1,200 00

Fuel, lights, stationery, and all other incidental expenses have been provided by the Supply Division of the War Department.

The agency established in 1878 for the collection of such Confederate military records as might be placed by gift or loan at the disposal of the United States has, as from time to time reported, yielded most valuable results. Its importance has naturally decreased from year to year, and its object is well nigh accomplished; but it yet yields some fruit—commensurate, in my judgment, with its small cost—and an estimate has been submitted for its continuance.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

ROBERT N. SCOTT,
Lieutenant-Colonel Third Artillery, In Charge.

* In report dated October 14, 1883, the appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1884, is stated at \$36,300 instead of \$36,000—the correct amount. To correct this, the sum of \$300 is deducted from the balance reported available October 14, 1884.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
PUBLICATION OFFICE, WAR RECORDS 1861-'65,
Washington, D. C., October 9, 1886.

To the SECRETARY OF WAR:

SIR: I have the honor to report the progress made since October 10, 1885, in the publication of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion:

Of Series I, Volumes XIV, XV, and XVI, (in two parts,) and Part 1, of Volume XVII, (in all five books,) have been issued, and the index of Part 2, Volume XVII, is completed and in type. This part of Volume XVII and Volume XVIII will probably be issued by December 1st, next. The text of Part 2, Volume XXII, of Volume XXIII, (in two parts,) and of the first two parts of Volume XXIV has been stereotyped; and the third part of that volume and Volume XXV (in two parts) is in the hands of the Public Printer. The text of the supplement to Volume XII (the record of the Fitz John Porter court-martial, called for by the act of July 31st, last) has been stereotyped and indexed, and will probably be issued before Congress reassembles. The manuscript of Volumes XXXI, XXXII, and XXXIII is arranged for the printer, but Volume XXX is yet incomplete.

The act approved August 7, 1882, which went into effect after the first five volumes of the records had been published, contemplated a completion of the sets to be issued under that law. For that purpose an estimate has been submitted for reprinting and binding 6,000 copies each of Volumes I to V.

The expenditures on account of printing, binding, &c., since October 10, 1885, are as follows:

For composition, stereotyping, &c., of volumes still in the hands of the printer—

Volume XXII, Part 2.....	\$2,224 40
Volume XXIII, Part 1.....	1,771 15
Part 2.....	1,990 60
Volume XXIV, Part 1.....	1,745 15
Part 2.....	1,433 95
Part 3.....	798 90
Volume XII, (Supplement).....	240 00

To complete—

Volume XIV.....	6,958 05
Volume XV.....	7,924 41
Volume XVI, Part 1.....	7,683 26
Part 2.....	6,603 09
Volume XVII, Part 1.....	5,742 49
	45,115 45

RECAPITULATION.

Balance available as per last report.....	42,699 87
Appropriation for fiscal year ending June 30, 1887.....	36,000 00

Total.....	78,699 87
Expenditures.....	45,115 45

Available October 10, 1886.....	33,584 42

The expenditures for salaries and rent made under the immediate supervision of this office during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1885, have been as follows:

Salaries.....	\$31,364 04
Rent.....	1,200 00

Fuel, lights, stationery, and all other incidental expenses have been provided by the Supply Division of the War Department.

I respectfully invite attention to my recommendation accompanying estimate for fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, for \$600 additional compensation to the clerk of Class IV engaged in preparing the general index. This work is of the most important and responsible nature, and requires the services of a person of experience and special ability. The compensation now allowed (\$1,800) is inadequate for the service performed.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ROBT. N. SCOTT,
Lieutenant-Colonel Third Artillery, in Charge.



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